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United States Senate

December 21, 2016

Mr. Brian E. Kamoie
Assistant Administrator, Grants Program Director
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Federal Emergency Management Agency
400 C Street SW, 3N
Washington, DC 20472-3635

*Re: Vincennes Fire Department AFG Grant Application for Wellness Program –
EMW-2016-FO-07001*

Dear Mr. Kamoie:

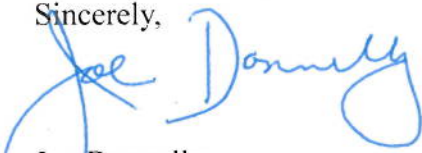
As Senator from the State of Indiana, I am interested in ensuring that the needs of our communities are met in terms of first response preparedness. A critical component of readiness is the health and wellness of the first responders relied upon to protect the community. I encourage a favorable response to the Vincennes Fire Department (VFD) application for funding through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program.

The City of Vincennes is the county seat of Knox County, and its fire department employs 38 career firefighters who are responsible for protecting 18,000 residents. Vincennes is home to Indiana's oldest university as well as a wide range of manufacturing, industrial and service industries.

A comprehensive wellness and fitness program is vital to VFD's ability to serve and protect the community, as well as improve the health of its responders. VFD will develop and implement a mandatory program to improve overall health and reduce injury and illness that will include annual fit-for-duty assessments and ongoing, personalized fitness and lifestyle coaching. The program is expected to build and maintain a healthier response force and result in safer, more efficient and effective response.

Healthy, physically fit fire department personnel are essential in order to provide timely, efficient response to emergency calls. I encourage a favorable review of the Anderson Fire Department application for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant in accordance with U.S. law and public policy. I would appreciate being notified when a decision is made. Questions and announcements can be directed to my office by contacting Marianne Black at Marianne_Black@donnelly.senate.gov or by telephone at (317) 226-5555.

Sincerely,



Joe Donnelly
United States Senator